

**Testimony of Theodore von Rosenvinge  
Before the Transportation Committee  
On LCO. 373, An Act Concerning the Sustainability of Connecticut's Transportation  
Infrastructure**

**January 31, 2020**

Good Afternoon Sen. Leone, Rep. Lemar and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Theodore von Rosenvinge and I am President of GEODesign, Inc., a 30 person civil engineering firm located Middlebury, CT. I am also a resident of Weston, CT and a professional engineer. I am submitting this testimony on the draft legislation before you which is designed to create a dedicated funding stream for infrastructure improvement in Connecticut.

It is clear that the current funding sources for the state's Special Transportation Fund are completely inadequate to meet the state's needs for a safe and efficient transportation system. In fact, Connecticut's infrastructure is failing. Connecticut residents deserve better. **We need a system that provides:**

- A network of **roads, highways and bridges** that are well maintained, safe and less congested.
- Improved public transportation networks (**rail and bus systems**) that allow everyone from every corner of the state to participate in the economy.
- Design, construction and maintenance programs that promote a **cleaner, safer and healthier environment** in which to live.
- **Improved economic environment for businesses** such as ours and the employees and families that depend on us.

Our transportation network is integral to the recovery of our economy and the future of Connecticut. The benefits for business are extensive and include: Enhanced intra-state competitiveness, access to a state-wide reliable, and highly-skilled labor force, increased market share and an expanded customer base, business expansion, reduced production costs and agglomeration economies.

The time is now to create a dedicated funding stream to accomplish the goal of improving Connecticut's infrastructure, our economy and our future. Thank you for your consideration.